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**THE CENTER FOR ACTIVE LEARNING LAUNCHES  
MAKING OUR MOVIES FILM FESTIVAL (MOM FILM FEST)**



New York City, June 2020 – This summer, the [Center for Active Learning \(CAL\)](#) a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, launches its first annual film festival. The [Making Our Movies Film Festival \(MOM Film Fest\)](#) is an exciting initiative dedicated to elevating and celebrating filmmakers who are mothers taking on two enormous tasks at the same time - making movies and raising kids.

Completing a film is challenging under the best circumstances. If you're a woman, and a mom, the odds become even more daunting. IF you're one of the few women awarded employment, the wage gap and long hours on set without access to childcare can be prohibitive or career-ending. A mom finishing a film is a major accomplishment, and this online film festival is a way to celebrate it.

Establishing this online film festival is one of the steps the festival founders are using to coincide with the work they have already been doing to continue building a community of moms supporting each other, and standing together to make changes in the film and television industry.

*"As a single mom, I get that there are times spent juggling motherhood and filmmaking where motherhood has to come first and this can mean that some projects end up stalling or taking a much longer time to complete. The fact that these women have completed films while they're raising their kids, is a pretty big deal that deserves to be acknowledged. And the goal with this festival is to do exactly that,"* said Tonya McCornell, Founder of MOM Film Fest.

*"Mom Film Fest aligns perfectly with the goals of CAL by uplifting creatives who are mothers and by building a community to support them,"* said Joanna White-Oldham, Executive Director of The Center for Active Learning.

**About MOM Film Fest:**

MOM Film Fest is looking for story-based projects in the form of narrative or documentary films and series that feature moms in leadership positions – writers, directors, producers, cinematographers, etc. Submitted entries must be short-form content, up to 40 minutes long, created anytime after 2015, in the following categories: Narrative, Documentary, Series, Mom-themed content, and Social Justice.

Deadline for submissions is Friday, July 17th. Submissions are open online via <http://momfilmfest.com/submit> or <https://filmfreeway.com/MOMFilmFest>, submission fee is \$15.

The 2020 Making Our Movies Film Festival (MOM Film Fest) will take place online with selected films shown Monday, August 10th through Monday, August 17th.

**About CAL:**

The Center for Active Learning (CAL) is a 501c3 non-profit organization based in Brooklyn, New York with the mission to provide enriching educational experiences for adults at low to no cost. CAL provides community workshops, health seminars, and also produces informational events for creatives. All activities are founded in active learning methodologies which encourage learner engagement, and afford the learner the opportunity to process information from their own cultural and experiential perspectives.

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